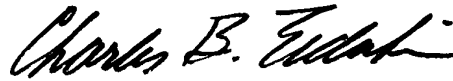


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REMARKS

In the Official Action dated September 8, 2004, Claims 1-12 and 15-19 were allowed and Claims 13 and 14 were rejected. The present Amendment serves to cancel the rejected claims, and it is accordingly submitted that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

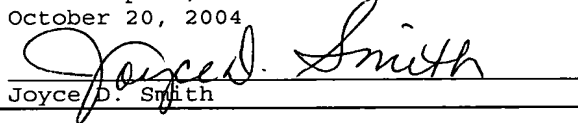


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